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**VEHICLE INSPECTION** . . . California Highway Patrolman Eric Fernstrom (at right) explains to Lesley Dixon, a Torrance teacher, that she must have a tire replaced on her car after checking the vehicle during the Patrol's new safety inspection program. Highway Patrol representatives examine headlight beams (top picture) for proper aiming. The check takes five minutes if everything is "A-OK," Fernstrom explained. This checkpoint was set up on Redondo Beach Boulevard near El Camino College Friday. Checkpoints are confined to surface streets and will not be in operation during morning and evening rush hours. (Story on Page A-2.) (Press-Herald Photos by Hal Fisher)

## Two-Car Collision on Freeway Fatal to Man



### Second Driver Injured

A 28-year-old Huntington Beach man was killed and a Torrance man injured early Friday in a two-car crash on the San Diego Freeway. Stephen Barry died at Little Company of Mary Hospital about an hour after the 3:10 a.m. crash. The Torrance man, Blake Ross Hill, 23, of 3110 Sonoma St., was taken to the hospital for treatment of cuts and bruises. He was released late Friday afternoon.

**THE ACCIDENT** occurred between Western Avenue and Crenshaw Boulevard when the Barry vehicle, traveling ahead of the Hill vehicle, struck the center divider fence. The lights were knocked out and the tires flattened, it was reported. Barry was knocked some 85 feet when he was struck while trying to move his damaged vehicle. The Hill vehicle slammed into the rear of Barry's car, officers reported.

**AT HARBOR** General Hospital, four survivors of a crash which claimed three lives Wednesday are reported still in serious condition. Ernest Mendoza, 7, and David Baeza, 6, are in the hospital's intensive care unit. Two other youngsters, Raymond Mendoza, 4, and Ruben Baeza Jr., 7, are reported in serious condition.

The crash, which occurred Wednesday afternoon at Alameda Street and McFarland Street, claimed the lives of Barbara Renee Mendoza, 6; her sister, Christine, 20 months; and Andrew Mendoza, 3.

**THEIR MOTHER**, Mrs. Ed (Continued on Page A-2)



Friar Sebastian O'Keefe Friar Victor Abegg

## Two Montgomery Grads Join Order

Two graduates of Bishop Montgomery High School will profess their final religious vows in the Order of the Conventual Franciscans of St. Bonaventure Province Monday, Sept. 5.

Friars Sebastian P. O'Keefe and Victor P. Abegg will profess their final vows in ceremonies at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, 1225 Fifth St., Hermosa Beach. They are both from Torrance and are the first native Californians to make final vows in the Order.

The profession will be received by the Very Rev. Ambrose Syjut, O.F.M. Conv., delegate-elect of the Minister Provincial. FRIAR Sebastian, born in Inglewood Oct. 4, 1943, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. O'Keefe, who lived at 729 Calle de Arboles until a few months ago. The family now makes its home in Medford, Ore.

He attended American Martyr's and St. James schools and was graduated from the Seminarium-Lay Aposto-Bishop Montgomery High in June, 1962. Montgomery is

staffed by the Conventual Franciscans.

While at Montgomery, Friar Sebastian was active in athletics, worked on the year book staff, and was a member of several campus organizations.

FRIAR Victor is the son of Mrs. Henrietta Abegg of 22931 Hawthorne Blvd. He was born in Torrance Feb. 14, 1945, and attended St. James School. He was graduated with honors from Bishop Montgomery High School in 1962. While at the school, he was active in the forensics, Latin, and library clubs. Both received the habit of St. Francis and their religious names on Aug. 14, 1962, and professed their first vows on Aug. 15, 1963. They are now attending Loyola University of Chicago, and expect to receive their bachelor's degrees next June.

FRIAR Sebastian is majoring in sociology and is a member of the Executive board of the Seminarium-Lay Aposto-Bishop Montgomery High in late Conference at the University of Chicago. (Continued on Page A-2)

## Burglar Gets Cash As Victim Showers

Nearly \$150 in cash and a credit card were taken from a North Torrance apartment Friday while one of the occupants was in the shower. Albert Balderas, 22, and Stephen Craig, 17, of 3719 Artesia Blvd., told Torrance police someone walked through the front door of their apartment and took the cash between 6 and 7 p.m. Craig said he had left the apartment to go to the store. Balderas was in the shower.

**THE BURGLAR** got \$96 in cash — all quarters — was cash from Balderas and \$52, a wallet, and a credit card from Craig. A radio and \$17 in cash were reported stolen from his home Friday evening by

Richard Mansfield, 37, of 23618-B Anza Ave. Police were told the theft occurred between 6 and 7:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Butcher said \$62.75 in quarters, a camera, a tire, and an electric shaver were taken from the trunk of his car. He put the loss at \$573.

**AN ADDITIONAL** \$62.75 in cash — all quarters — was reported taken from a car parked at Los Angeles International Airport. Dan Butcher, 2371 Torrance Blvd., told Torrance police he parked his car at

### Precision Tools Taken from Car

Theft of precision tools valued at \$150 was reported to Torrance police early Friday. Mrs. Esther Bolton, 50, of 20550 Earl St., said the tools were in her station wagon, which was parked in a lot at her trailer park home.

### MISSION COMPLETED

## Guardsmen End Summer Camp

Torrance National Guardsmen, all members of "E" Company, 132nd Engineer Battalion, 40th Armored Division of the California National Guard, returned yesterday from 15 days of active duty training at Camp San Luis Obispo.

The company, commanded by 1st Lt. Delmer Losson of Manhattan Beach and headquartered at 2505 Cabrillo Ave., undertakes the training each year as a part of an overall program to insure combat readiness for the officers and men.

The 15-day training, an annual encampment for all Na-

tional Guard units, affords guardsmen the opportunity to live and train under actual battle conditions in the field.

**STRESS** is put on individual, platoon, and company organized training projects.

One of the most important training projects, the tactical bivouac, afforded the men the opportunity to spend four nights and days in the field, living in two-man shelter tents.

The chief objective of this training is to teach the individual soldier the principles of tactical bivouac discipline under simulated battle conditions.

**THE FIRST** day and night of bivouac was spent establishing the unit bivouac sites, pitching shelter tents, digging fighting holes, and setting up and manning unit defense perimeters against enemy aggressor action.

On the first night, an aggressor force — led by the battalion chaplain and featuring hand-picked men from the battalion's Headquarters Company — struck each individual company. The men were undergoing actual defense operations against attack.

The rest of the week, the men were kept busy at their own company projects. E Company assigned to various duties and all were completed in good time, according to Lt. Losson.

**ON AUG. 20**, the men of the 40th Armored Division took part in a dress review (Continued on Page A-2)

## Armed Man Gets \$244 At Gas Co.

A gunman who held up all three tellers at a downtown Torrance office Thursday afternoon got away with \$244.58.

The man, said to be about 25 years old, entered the offices of the Southern California Gas Co. at 1340 Post Ave. about 1:50 p.m. with a newspaper folded under his arm.

He approached one teller at the counter, unfolded the paper and showed a small revolver. "Okay, let's have it," he told the clerk.

He collected the money, then moved to the second window and told the teller, "You're next."

The second clerk, who was preparing to close her window, had stacked her money on top of the counter. The man collected it, then moved to the third window.

### Vandals Break Window - - -

A rear-view mirror apparently broken off a car was thrown through a large picture window at 122 Via Buena Ventura Friday evening, Henry W. Moeck, 48, told Torrance police. Moeck told officers he was in a back room when he heard a crash in the front of the home. He rushed outside, he said, and saw two youths in a car turn toward the house, then speed away. Moeck said he did not know what cost of replacing the window would be.

### Council Takes Vacation - - -

Tuesday's regular meeting of the Torrance City Council has been cancelled, according to Marjorie P. Moss, deputy city clerk. Several councilmen will be on vacation, making it impossible to get a quorum, it was reported. The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, Sept. 6, at 5:30 p.m.

### Market Bandits Killed - - -

Two bandits were killed and a third captured unhurt late Friday evening at a supermarket located at 110 W. Anaheim St., Wilmington. Harbor division detectives said Thurman B. Campbell, 25, of 1377 Watson Ave., and Don O. Potter of Altadena were slain when they ignored warnings to halt and began running down an alley. Both were dead on arrival at Harbor General Hospital. The third man, Jack C. Williams, 37, of 233 N. Avalon Blvd., was captured while sitting in a car across from the market. Police said they had received information the market would be robbed. The two slain men had ordered the manager to empty two cash registers and the store safe, police said.

## Torrance Airport Sets Plans for Open House

"Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow" will be the theme of the annual Airport Days to be held at Torrance Municipal Airport Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 17 and 18.

Highlight of the event this year will be in-flight demonstrations of antique aircraft, gliders and sailplanes, and radio controlled aircraft. Exhibits featuring general aviation planes, static displays of military and antique aircraft, and an antique car display also are planned.

Visitors also will be invited to watch the work being done on an experimental home-built plane and to view the assembly of a sailplane kit.

Two-penny-per-pound scenic flights will be offered by women pilots of the Long Beach chapter of The Ninety-Nines. Members of the group will serve as hostesses for the Powder Puff Derby, which is scheduled to terminate at the local airport next year.

Helicopter rides also will be offered to visitors. The open house officially begins with ceremonies at 11:30 a.m. Saturday and will continue until 5 p.m. Hours



**AIRPORT DAYS** . . . Visitors line one of the holding aprons at Torrance municipal Airport as they view displays of both military and civilian aircraft during Airport Days last year. The annual "open house" will be held Sept. 17 and 18 this year. It will feature several static displays, as well as some in-flight demonstrations of antique aircraft and radio-controlled model airplanes.